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SUBJECT: VENUE ON NOTARIAL CERTIFICATES EXECUTED AT

AMEMBASSY GDR.

REF: BERLIN 1911 AND 1004; COPENHAGEN 2871

1. DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED THE SEVERAL SUGGESTED FORMS OF NOTARIAL VENUE KEEPING IN MIND THE PROBLEMS INHERENT IN THE ACTUAL VENUE OF THE EMBASSY IN THE SOVIET ZONE OF BERLIN.

2. 22 CFR 92.15 DIRECTS THAT VENUE MUST BE SHOWN ON ALL NOTARIAL CERTIFICATES TO ESTABLISH THE QUALIFICATIONS AND SPHERE OF AUTHORITY OF THE NOTARIZING OFFICER TO PERFORM THE NOTARIAL ACT.

3. THE SITE OF THE EMBASSY AND THE VENUE REQUIREMENTS DO NOT LEND THEMSELVES TO A PERFECT COMPROMISE, BOTH PRE-SERVING THE U.S. POSITION AND DEFINING THE SPHERE OF AUTHORITY. THE USE OF THE CITY NAME, BERLIN, MIGHT CAUSE CONFUSION WITH THE MISSION AND BE MORE APT TO DAMAGE THE U.S. POSITION THAN THE USE OF GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, SPECIFICALLY QUOTE TO THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

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UNQUOTE AS HAS BEEN ADOPTED FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

4. DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS AND APPROVES FOLLOWING VENUE FORM

(TO BE ARRANGED IN FOUR LINES AS SHOWN):

CONSULAR DISTRICT OF THE  
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA TO THE  
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

5. CONSEQUENT DEFINITION OF NEW CONSULAR DISTRICT TO BE  
PUBLISHED IN 2 FAM 050 WILL READ AS FOLLOWS:

GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (E)  
BERLIN, SOVIET SECTOR  
ALL THAT PORTION OF THE GDR TO WHICH THE  
U.S. EMBASSY IS ACCREDITED.

6. AFTER ESTABLISHMENT OF EMBASSY, CONSULAR DISTRICT OF  
BERLIN MISSION WILL BE AMENDED TO READ:

BERLIN  
AMERICAN, BRITISH AND FRENCH SECTORS OF BERLIN

ALSO PERFORMS CERTAIN CONSULAR FUNCTIONS RELATING TO  
SOVIET SECTOR OF BERLIN WHEN EMBASSY TO THE GDR NOT  
ACCESSIBLE.

7. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES VENUE WILL BE VALID FOR USE IN U.  
S. COURTS WHEN SEEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH PUBLISHED DEFINI-  
TION OF U.S. CONSULAR DISTRICT. INGERSOLL

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